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## A FEW WORDS

Each month, I write a few paragraphs to introduce this newsletter (Dr. North and I would welcome submissions for a guest commentary to appear in this space). This month, as I searched for words, I thought about how Dr. North just delivered an online talk for the Johns Hopkins Blaustein Pain Ground Rounds on “What’s New in Spinal Cord and Peripheral Nerve Stimulation” that highlighted how the terminology we use to describe implanted stimulation has expanded to include conventional, tonic, closed-loop, sub-perception, high frequency, digiceutical, burst, high density, differential target multiplexed SCS, and pulse dosing. This made me realize that words could be my topic.

The second thing that prompted me to think about words was the fact that the Merriam-Webster dictionary now includes "LOL" because this acronym for “laughing out loud” started to appear in respected publications. The fact that appearing in a publication is enough for a new word to earn dictionary-level status underscores the importance of the glossary we just created as a joint project of our foundation, the Institute of Neurostimulation, and the International Neuromodulation Society. Without a glossary to document agreement about the language we use, each of the many journals that publish in our field might allow different terms to appear for the same thing, which would sow confusion. We are pleased to note that access to our glossary, which will appear soon in the journal *Neuromodulation*, will be free (or, to use the current term, “open-access”). Eventual online publication of our glossary on our various websites will include updates and revisions.

Finally, the new vocabulary arising from developments in our field emphasizes the important of our foundation’s effort to update (and expand to DRG, PNS, and angina) our 2007 *Practice Parameters for the Use of Spinal Cord Stimulation in the Treatment of Chronic Neuropathic Pain*.

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